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Honorable Chairman Rick Jones and Judiciary committee members,

Michigan Parents for Compassion is a Michigan non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide advocacy and support for children with severe and chronic illnesses and their families. Our members were directly involved in the drafting process and lobbying for House Bill 5104 in the last legislative session and we have been heavily involved in advocating for House Bill 4210 and Senate Bill 140 in this session. Our families are very excited at the prospect of these bills being reported out of the Senate Judiciary committee and our section 4 child custody protection and protection from arrest finally being re-solidified within the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. No parent should ever have to fear arrest, prosecution, or potential child custody implications for treating their child under the direction and supervision of a licensed medical doctor – these bills are a huge step in guaranteeing this basic tenet.

My family has had the privilege of meeting with most members of the committee. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the entire committee, both personally and on our organization's behalf, for taking the time to listen to our stories, our concerns, and for considering these very important pieces of legislation.

Michigan Parents for Compassion supports House Bill 4210 as passed by the House and Senate Bill 140 as introduced by Senator Mike Shirkey. We humbly request your support for both bills.

Respectfully submitted,



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